Admissions in Sainik Schools

3612. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to make admission to Class IX in Sainik Schools to the boys after passing Eighth Class examinations to attract more talent for a career in Armed Forces;

(b) if so, when the proposal is likely to be implemented and if not, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether the Government propose to give more chances to the candidates appearing in Sainik School admission tests; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). The academic Study Group constituted by the Government of India has recommended inter-alia, that in Sainik Schools, there should be a system of multiple entry points to certain Classes. This recommendation is under the consideration of the Ministry of Defence.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) An increase in the number of chances available to the candidates for admission to Sainik Schools will correspondingly reduce the number of chances available to them for the NDA Entrance Examination.

Refinance Assistance by NABARD to Madhya Pradesh

3613. KUMARI VIMLA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of refinance assistance provided by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to various commercial, Cooperative and regional rural banks in Madhya Pradesh during each of the last three years;

(b) the credit limits provided to the Regional Rural Banks in the State and their percentage of utilisation;

(c) the percentage of the above refinance assistance which was utilised for the benefit of the most backward and poor tribal areas in the State through the banks and other co-operative institutions;

(d) whether any appraisal of the benefits percolating from its assistance to the poor tribal has been made by the NABARD; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The amount of refinance assistance provided by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in Madhya Pradesh under schematic lending during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1988-89 (July-March)	*1989-90 (April-March)*	*1990-91 (April-March)*
Commercial Banks	4003	4326	7135
Regional Rural Banks	2172	2590	2172